

our nation. In addition, I am confident that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in honoring Mr. Adams for his service.

**USA GOLD AWARD FOR MARIA
WITTE OF GIRL SCOUT TROOP 4043**

HON. LANE EVANS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2003

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to salute an outstanding young woman who has been honored with the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award by Girl Scouts of the Mississippi Valley, Inc. in Rock Island, Illinois. She is Maria Witte of Girl Scout Troop 4043.

She is being honored for earning the highest achievement award in Girl Scouting. The Girl Scout Gold Award symbolizes outstanding accomplishments in the areas of leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development. The Girl Scout Gold Award can be earned by girls ages 14–17 or in grades 9–12.

Girl Scouts of the USA, an organization serving over 2.6 million girls, has awarded more than 20,000 Girl Scout Gold Awards to Senior Girl Scouts since the inception of the program in 1980. To receive the award, a Girl Scout must fulfill five requirements: earn four interest project patches, earn the Career Exploration Pin, earn the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, earn the Senior Girl Scout Challenge, and design and implement a Girl Scout Gold project. A plan for fulfilling the requirements of the award is created by the Senior Girl Scout and is carried out through close cooperation between the girl and an adult Girl Scout volunteer.

As a member of the Girl Scouts of the Mississippi Valley, Inc., Maria began working toward the Girl Scout Gold Award in June 1999. Maria worked with her partner on painting a wall mural for a local gymnastics facility.

The earning of the Girl Scout Gold Award is a major accomplishment for Maria and I believe she should receive the public recognition due her for this significant service to her community and her country.

**HONORING THOMAS CHARLES
TURK**

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2003

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor former Undersheriff of Madera County, Thomas Charles Turk on the occasion of his retirement. The event commemorating the occasion will be held in Madera County at the Fairgrounds in Chowchilla, California on Saturday, April 26th, 2003.

Thomas Turk has dedicated half of his life to law enforcement. As a young man he was drafted into the United States Army and served for two years as a military policeman. When he came out of active duty, he joined the Madera County Sheriff's department and was assigned to the jail. After one year, he began patrolling the Chowchilla streets work-

ing out of a substation. He was respected and admired by the community. For much of his career, Tom was on a first name basis with most of Madera County. He was later appointed to the Detective Division and then to Sergeant. There, he learned that every time you get promoted you get moved to the graveyard shifts. Tom worked his way up through the ranks, from Sergeant to Lieutenant, and then to Undersheriff.

Undersheriff Turk dedicated his life to his department and the people of Madera County. He never stopped promoting the integrity of the Department and the honor of his position. Tom has worked countless overnight shifts, which accounts for his two "Officer of the Year" commendations, and has done so with the utmost humility. Tom's dedication to his job makes great departments such as the one in Madera County.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Undersheriff Thomas Charles Turk for his service to the County of Madera and for his outreach to the community of which he served. I invite my colleagues to join me in commending Thomas for his devotion throughout his career and in wishing him many years of continued success.

**HONORING THE SELECTION OF MS.
ELIZABETH ANN KRABILL AS
THE 2003 UNITED STATES CHERRY
BLOSSOM QUEEN**

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2003

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor Ms. Elizabeth Ann Krabill upon her selection as the 2003 United States Cherry Blossom Queen.

Elizabeth, a sophomore Economics major at Cornell University, was selected as the U.S. Cherry Blossom Queen on April 4, 2003. The tradition of crowning a national Cherry Blossom Queen is a long one, started by the National Conference of State Societies in 1948. Elizabeth joins her 53 predecessors in representing America as a Goodwill Ambassador. In fact, she will depart for a goodwill visit to Japan on May 1, 2003—less than a month after her coronation. In Japan, Elizabeth will participate in a series of celebrations and conferences over two weeks.

Before her ascent to the national crown, Elizabeth was chosen as Virginia's 2003 Cherry Blossom Princess. Elizabeth finds herself in familiar company: Elizabeth's mother, aunt and sister all preceded her as Cherry Blossom Princesses at one time. Elizabeth grew up in McLean, Virginia and graduated from National Cathedral School. She excelled at competitive swimming in high school and was twice chosen as captain of her swim team. She has spent two summers sharing her swimming talents with children as a swimming lesson instructor at Beauvoir Summer Camp. At Cornell, Elizabeth is active in her sorority, Alpha Phi, as the Vice President of Marketing.

Virginia is proud to send one of her native daughters into the international arena to represent the United States. A well-rounded and gifted individual, Elizabeth Krabill will represent her country with dignity and poise, and I applaud her initiative in seeking this great honor.

**TRIBUTE TO DR. WILLIAM A.
SEDERBURG OF FERRIS STATE
UNIVERSITY**

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2003

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. William A. Sederburg for his faithful service as president of Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan. After eight years as president and one year as interim president at Ferris, Dr. Sederburg is retiring from his position.

He became the 16th president of the college in 1995 after a distinguished career as a professor, Michigan state senator, and successful businessman. Dr. Sederburg's experience in higher education is exemplary. He has held numerous leadership positions in higher education, including serving on the State Board of Education, chairing the Senate Select Committee on the Future of Higher Education, chairing the Senate Standing Committee on Higher Education and Technology, and chairing the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education.

Throughout his career and efforts, Dr. Sederburg has positively affected the lives of thousands of students. He is seen as a leader by his peers, as well as an educator and trusted advisor to his students. Dr. Sederburg has worked tirelessly to improve the facilities and infrastructure on the Ferris State campus, and his dedication is an example to everyone.

I am honored today to recognize Dr. William A. Sederburg for his many accomplishments, and thank him for his work.

**TRIBUTE TO BRONX COMMUNITY
COLLEGE ON ITS SILVER ANNI-
VERSARY HALL OF FAME 10K
RUN**

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2003

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with joy that I rise today to once again pay tribute to Bronx Community College, which will hold its 25th Anniversary Hall of Fame 10K Run on Saturday, May 3, 2003.

The Hall of Fame 10K Run was founded in 1978 by Bronx Community College's third president, Dr. Roscoe C. Brown and today continues to be an event of great significance. Its mission is to highlight the Hall of Fame for Great Americans, a national institution dedicated to those who have helped to make America great.

The 10K race tradition continues under the stewardship of Dr. Carolyn G. Williams. Dr. Williams has endorsed and follows the commitment made by Dr. Brown to promote physical fitness and highlight higher education.

As one who has run the Hall of Fame 10K Run, I can attest that the excitement it generates brings the entire City together. It is a celebration and an affirmation of life. It feels wonderful to enable more than 400 people to have this experience—one that will change the lives of many of them. It is an honor for me to join once again the hundreds of joyful people who will run along the Grand Concourse,

University Avenue and West 181 Street and to savor the variety of their celebrations. There is no better way to see our Bronx community.

The Annual Hall of Fame 10K Run is joined by a 2 Mile Fitness Walk and, for the second year, a Hall of Fame Excalibur One Mile Boys and Girls Youth Challenge for 9 to 18 years olds.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the individuals and participants who are making the Bronx Community College's 25th Annual Hall of Fame 10K run possible.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CROATIAN
SONS LODGE NUMBER 170

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2003

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to congratulate the Croatian Sons Lodge Number 170 of the Croatian Fraternal Union of America on the festive occasion of its 96th Anniversary and Golden Member banquet on Sunday, April 27, 2003. In addition to honoring thirty new 50-year members, the Lodge will also honor Martha J. Woss with the Woman of the Year Award, and Valentine-Walter Bahun with the Man of the Year Award.

This year, the Croatian Fraternal Union will hold this gala event at the Croatian Center in Merrillville, Indiana. Traditionally, the anniversary celebration entails a formal recognition of the Union's Golden Members, those who have achieved fifty years of membership. This year's honorees include: Richard D. Bekelya, Josephine Blaschke, Violet Marie Boatman, Josephine Bobinac, Tom Bobinac, Nettie Brooks, Bernadette Chelich, Catherine Child, Yvonne Drysdale, Alice Erbesti, Matthew Erdelac, Sandra C. Giorgi, Marija Jugovic, Pauline Muraida, George Nosich, Carol Jean Pettit, John L. Ramuscak, Rudolph J. Ramuscak, Mary C. Rozmanich, Joanna Russ, Annie Jane Seral, Bartol Sikich, Jr., Rosemary Smith, Gertrude Studanich, Jean O. Surig, Dolores Teel, Jo Ann Tull, Irene Weger, Josephine Williamson, and Mary Yurkas.

These loyal and dedicated individuals share this prestigious honor with over 300 additional Lodge members who have previously attained this important designation.

Mr. Speaker, Martha Woss has been a fixture with the Croatian Fraternal Union for 78 years. She has served as president, vice president, recording secretary, and scribe, as well as serving as the chair for numerous committees. Martha also wrote a weekly column reporting the events of her Lodge, as well as other area Lodges. She was the first woman to bowl in the Joe Rady Tourney, and she was awarded a plaque from the national president for this honor. Martha has been a dedicated member of the Lodge since 1925, and because of her commitment and hard work, she has achieved the honor of being designated as Woman of the Year.

On January 17, 2003, Valentine-Walter "Wally" Bahun celebrated not only his 83rd birthday, but also 65 years of service for Lodge 170 of the Croatian Fraternal Union of America. Wally has served in various positions throughout his time with the Lodge, including president, vice president, and trustee. He was

also elected as a delegate to the Toronto 15th Convention in 1979, and has been elected as a delegate each year since for his dedication to Lodge 170. His commitment to the Croatian community of Northwest Indiana serves as an example of the dedication we all must show to keep our nation great.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Lodge President Betty Morgavan, and all the other members of the Croatian Fraternal Union Lodge Number 170, for their loyalty and ongoing display of passion for their ethnicity. The Croatian community has played a key role in enriching the quality of life and culture of Northwest Indiana. It is my hope that this year will bring renewed hope and prosperity for all members of the Croatian community and their families. I am proud to represent these gifted residents of the First Congressional District of Indiana.

SALUTING THE CARGILL SALT
MINERS OF TEAMSTERS LOCAL
NO. 436 IN THEIR STRUGGLE TO
RETAIN REPRESENTATION AND
END A LOCK-OUT DESPITE COM-
PANY EFFORTS TO BREAK THE
UNION

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2003

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the members of Teamsters Local No. 436. This racially and ethnically diverse group of salt miners constitutes the bargaining unit at Cargill's Cleveland salt mine in Ohio's 10th Congressional District. Many of them are locked out of the mine in a labor dispute, the outcome of which will have major implications for working men and women everywhere.

In May 2002, the salt miners went on strike. Between May and August, the miners and the company met on several occasions to resolve the dispute and draft a mutually agreeable labor contract. On August 13, 2002, while still engaged in good faith negotiations with Cargill, the union miners made an unconditional offer to return to work. When the miners attempted to return to their jobs, they learned that Cargill hired permanent replacement workers who were either hired before August 13, or their dates of hiring were backdated prior to August 13. All but 26 of the union miners were locked out. The hiring of replacement workers in this manner violates the National Labor Relations Act as an act of bad faith in labor negotiations.

Shortly after the lockout, one of the replacement workers filed a decertification petition with the National Labor Relations Board. In a strong show of support, the working and locked out union miners showed up at the mine at 6:00 in the morning on April 10, 2003, to support the union. One locked out miner drove 150 miles from Columbus for the vote while another left his hospital bed to vote. The result of the election was a 63-58 victory for the union. Even though the Cargill-supported replacement workers appealed the election, the union workers again rallied to oppose the decertification and voted 64-61 to retain the union.

The union workers have my full support. The replacement workers, too, should under-

stand that the good pay and benefits they enjoy at Cargill were hard-fought by the Teamsters locally and the national organized labor movement in general. Once the union is gone, no one will be there to represent them in gaining and retaining their pay, rights, and benefits. Unions are good for workers and companies alike. I support the union workers' efforts to stop the decertification of their union and to end the lock-out so they can return to work as soon as possible. I call on Cargill to accept the democratic process built into our nation's labor law, accept the will of the workers to retain union representation, and return immediately to good faith negotiations with the Teamsters.

IN HONOR OF LUDO NOLFO, RE-
CIPIENT OF BAYONNE UNICO
FOUNDATION'S 2003 MAN OF THE
YEAR AWARD

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2003

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ludo Nolfo, for his outstanding dedication to the community of Bayonne, New Jersey. Mr. Nolfo was named the 2003 Man of the Year by the Bayonne Chapter of UNICO National on April 5, 2003 at the Chandelier Restaurant in Bayonne.

An Italian immigrant at age 16, and a graduate of New York University with a degree in accounting, Mr. Nolfo served two years in the United States military before working with Manufacturers Hanover in New York. For over 27 years, Mr. Nolfo worked for First Union National Bank, where he was Vice President of Trade Services. He is currently Vice President of International Trade Banking at the New York Branch of Rabobank Nederland.

In addition to his remarkable professional record and successful career, Mr. Nolfo has a distinguished record of community service. As trustee of the Bayonne Board of Education and Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church, commissioner of the Bayonne Housing Authority, and treasurer of the Board of the Bayonne Visiting Nurses Association, Mr. Nolfo continues to demonstrate an impressive level of commitment to serving the people of Bayonne.

A past president and district governor of the Bayonne Chapter of UNICO National, Mr. Nolfo has been committed to serving the Italian community throughout our region. He is a founding member and formal grand marshal of the Bayonne Columbus Committee; a member and past president of the Bayonne Sicilian Citizens Club; and a member of the Sons of Italy of Bayonne. He also served on the Committee on Italian Migration, sponsored by the Italian Consulate.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Nolfo for his exceptional service to the people of Bayonne and in congratulating him on being named Bayonne UNICO's 2003 Man of the Year.